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**PATENT**

Docket No. 040106.90055

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Inoue et al.  
Appl. No.: 10/054,267  
Filing Date: January 22, 2002  
Title: Cyclonic Vacuum Cleaner  
Group Art Unit: 1744  
Examiner: T. Till

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**REPLY TO THE OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

An Amendment to the Specification begins at page 2.

An Amendment to the Claims begins at page 3.

The Remarks begin at page 6.

This reply is accompanied by an Information Disclosure  
Statement.